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Memorandum

Agenda Changes/Supplemental Packet

TO: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION
FROM: RENEE KRAUSE, DEPUTY CITY CLERK II
DATE: MAY 9, 2023
SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL

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Homer Harbor Expansion Design Charrette

1 First Public Work Session

- Introduction
- USACE Process
- General Navigation Feature vs. Local Services Facility
- Harbor Expansion History

Wednesday, May 17
12:30 to 4:30 p.m.

*Open to the public with comment
at end of work session*

2 Second Public Work Session

- Developing potential measures and alternatives to be considered in scoping phase

Thursday, May 18
1:30 to 5 p.m.

*Open to the public with
full public engagement*

3 Third Public Work Session

- Compare measures and alternatives that will be considered in scoping phase

Friday, May 19
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

*Open to the public with comment
at end of work session*

4 USACE Charrette Briefing

- Provide summary of work completed during charrette
- Provide USACE next steps in Feasibility Study

Friday, May 19
2 to 3 p.m.

*Open to the public with comment
at end of work session*

All work sessions will take place at Islands & Ocean Visitor Center (95 Sterling Hwy). Participants may attend the workshops either in-person or virtually. To join any of these meetings virtually, use the virtual meeting attendance link: <https://usace1.webex.com/meet/homer>.

Learn more at www.homerharborexansion.com



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To the Economic Development Advisory Commission through the City Clerk
Karin Marks, Deborah Brown, Tulio Perez, Luke Gamble, Nicole Arevalo,
Gordon Pitzman, and Student Representative Hazel Pearson.

I'm writing to voice my support for two budgetary requests submitted by Community Recreation. Neither of these requests is included in the draft forwarded by the City Manager to the Council for consideration. These requests include:

- 1) an additional full-time staff for community recreation (\$80,000-\$82,000) and,
- 2) the purchase of new software to help better manage, market, and measure the importance of programs offered through Community Recreation (\$11,000 in FY24 for the initial setup and \$7,000 thereafter).

These items are important to address the continued growth of the many programs offered through community recreation. Community Recreation impacts the economy of our community in that it not only serves the needs of Homer residents, but it also financially contributes to our economy through those who come to take part in both outdoor and indoor recreation.

If he is to be effective, our current Community Rec manager Mike Illg needs additional support. He's but one individual and can't run this expanding department by himself. This past year he's had a part-time staffer which has helped, but he needs an additional full-time staff position.

The second budgetary request is to purchase new software. In rejecting the inclusion of this request, the City Manager stated the software could be deferred until a new Community Recreation center is built. It cannot. The future of such a Center is uncertain and Community Rec needs this software NOW to manage, market, and measure its many programs. The current method is cumbersome and takes up too much time. The many programs offered through Community Rec are important to our community and the impact of these programs needs to be measured.

I urge you to support both of these requests through a memo of support to the City Manager and City Council.

Thank you,

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